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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS"

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1. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED GAO VISIT TO STUDY "SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS." WE REQUEST, HOWEVER, THAT GAO TEAM SCHEDULE LAGOS PORTION OF ITS TRIP FOR END OF FEBRUARY OR LATER. SECOND WORLD FESTIVAL OF AFRICAN ART AND CULTURE (FESTAC), SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 15 THROUGH FEBRUARY 12, WILL STRAIN EMBASSY RESOURCES TO FULLEST. HOTELS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY FMG FOR THAT PERIOD AND RESERVATIONS ARE IMPOSSIBLE. TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED BEYOND PLANNED CAPACITIES BY EXPECTED INFLUX OF VISITORS.

2. WE ALSO WISH TO REMIND GAO THAT NIGERIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS LIMITED TO TRAINING FOR WHICH FMG PAYS. THERE IS NO GRANT AID. FURTHER, NIGERIA DOES NOT RPT NOT BUY U.S. ARMS NOR HAS IT DONE SO SINCE CIVIL WAR WHEN U.S. IMPOSED AN ARMS EMBARGO. WHAT EQUIPMENT FMG HAS SINCE PURCHASED FROM U.S. (C-130H'S, TRUCKS AND CLOTHING) HAS BEEN PURCHASED DIRECTLY

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FROM MANUFACTURERS; FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN UTILIZED. MISSION DOES NOT BELIEVE SIGNIFICANT SALES ARE IN PROSPECT FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR (REF LAGOS 13257).

3. IN VIEW OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE "SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS" IN OTHER COUNTRIES GAO TEAM PLANS VISIT AND THE

SITUATION IN NIGERIA, WE WOULD WELCOME AN INDICATION FROM GAO
TEAM WHAT SPECIFIC AREAS THE REVIEW TO BE UNDERTAKEN HERE WILL
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